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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Operations Requirements Section, DPD

1. The Operations Requirements Section was established to insure that DPD operational equipment projects would be expeditiously handled and an early, reliable, operational capability attained. Operational requirements responsibilities were examined and the need for a focal point became apparent. During the first month's work, several actions were completed by this section which enhanced overall DPD objectives. Examples of the economy and effectiveness achieved follow:

a. For security reasons the [ ] black box specifications did not indicate altitude environment and, therefore, this box was designed to work at low altitudes and would not work at high altitudes. Effective analyzation of the problem would have precluded this discrepancy.

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In reference to costs of projects, the following are examples of savings realized:

b. The Requirements Section reviewed the operational requirement for the number of [ ] needed to meet projected operations. This study resulted in reducing the requirement from a total of eight boxes to five, thereby saving approximately \$82,833.

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c. The problem concerning a [ ] was given to the Requirements Section and has resulted in a program whereby [ ] will provide the test bed equipment and accomplish all testing without cost to the Agency.

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d. A project was initiated to investigate a more reliable and accurate portable [ ]. The preliminary study was accomplished at DPD's request by [ ] at no expense to the Agency.

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e. The Requirements Section reduced the cost of testing a [ ] photo system by locating existing equipment within the Agency, resulting in a savings of \$2966.00.

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f. The Operations Requirements Section is presently working out equipment configurations desired on the [ ] and C-130 type aircraft. The purpose is to establish a complete project rather than a piece-meal mod program that is costly and time consuming.

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2. The delineation of responsibilities between Operations Requirements Section, Development Branch and Materiel Branch would be along the following lines:

a. Requirements Section:

- (1) Initial evaluation for need and initiation of requirement.
- (2) Specifications
- (3) Numbers
- (4) Justification
- (5) Priority (completion date)
- (6) Evaluation and acceptance for Field utilization

b. Development Branch responsibilities in relation to projects involving Operations:

- (1) Research and development to meet Operations Branch requirements (para 2a).
- (2) Recommendations as to preferred systems when several options exist.
- (3) Monitor project progress to meet specified deadlines.
- (4) Procurement of developmental items in coordination with Contracts Branch.

c. Materiel Branch:

- (1) Procurement of equipment as specified and in numbers recommended by Operations and Development Branches.
- (2) Insure maintenance personnel and spares are available and delivered on time.
- (3) Coordinate with Contract Branch when contracts are involved.

(All work of the Requirements Section is accomplished in coordination with the applicable branches concerned.)

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